



LUTHER CREST BIBLE CAMP

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Greetings from Luther Crest!

As we look ahead to another beautiful summer at camp, our hearts are full of gratitude and excitement. After celebrating an incredible 80th anniversary in 2025, Luther Crest is stepping into 2026 with renewed energy, big dreams, and deep appreciation for the community that makes this ministry thrive.

One of the highlights of last summer was our 80th Anniversary Summer Fest and Auction. Thanks to the generosity of donors, congregations, and friends like you, we raised over \$80,000 through the auction and anniversary gifts. Those funds are already making a difference by expanding camper scholarships and strengthening programs so more people can experience camp, community, and faith.

With that momentum, we are thrilled to invite you and your congregation to participate in the **2026 Luther Crest Summer Fest and Auction, taking place on July 11, 2026**. This event has become a joyful celebration of creativity, generosity, and shared mission, and we cannot wait to gather again.

We are once again hosting a full festival experience at camp, including an in person live auction alongside our popular online auction. The energy on site last year was contagious, and we are excited to build on that success with even more opportunities to gather, celebrate, and support camp together.

As always, the beautiful quilts, crafts, and handmade items that have long been a treasured part of our auction remain at the heart of this event. We also welcome experiences, event tickets, vacation stays, themed baskets, and creative ideas of all kinds. **Our auction will include two main components, an online auction (opening Monday July 6) and a live auction at camp (on July 11)**. Live auction items will be limited, so most donations will be featured online. All funds raised through both auctions will directly support camper scholarships and program ministries, ensuring that financial barriers never prevent someone from coming to camp.

To inspire faith, stewardship and community in God's creation.

Passionate! Authentic! Accommodating!

Please plan to have your auction items to Luther Crest by Friday, June 26 at the absolute latest so we can properly photograph, upload, and promote each donation. We prefer items arrive earlier, but will accept donations as they come in closer to the auction date. Know that later donations may not be able to be photographed and presented online as formally as those donated earlier in the summer. Once we receive your item information, the Luther Crest staff and auction committee will determine whether it will be included in the online or live auction.

If you have questions about the 2026 Summer Fest and Auction, please reach out to Director of Communication and Events, Maureen, at maureenw@luthercrest.org. And if you have a creative or wild idea you want to run past camp staff, we would love to hear it! After the incredible success of last year, we are dreaming big again.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers, time, and talents. Because of you, Luther Crest can continue to welcome campers from all backgrounds and financial situations. Your generosity truly changes lives, and we are so grateful to share this mission with you.

God's peace,

The Luther Crest Auction Committee

Donation Ideas (but don't feel limited to this list)

Large quilts, size queen or larger. Tied quilts and small quilts often sell for much less than other hand or machine quilted items.	A weekend stay at your vacation cabin.	Custom embroidery work. Clothing made out of recycled quilts.	Lessons on how to make something you excel at (lefse, breads, woodworking, tie dyeing...).
Tickets to the Andrea Theater and a gift card for dinner at a local restaurant.	Hand-knit gloves, hats, or winter gear.	Hotel stays at family-fun destinations like the Great Wolf Lodge.	Themed gift baskets (like wine and cheese, Norwegian/Scandinavian, local produce and canned goods, movie night in...).
Lawncare services for a summer or leaf raking for the fall.	Tickets to concerts or sporting events in the Twin Cities.	Wake surf/Ski lessons on your boat for an afternoon.	Homemade sweets or breads made to order. Or homemade freezer meals.
Use of your private pool for a day.	Handyman work for a day. Car wash or oil change services or gift cards.	Gift cards for spa or salon services like massages or nail work.	Tickets or season passes to local attractions and events (like concerts, sporting events, festivals, axe throwing, escape room...)